

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
August 4, 1924.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, August 4, 1924, and was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Clerk Bartlett. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Deininger and Torrence. Absent: Fitzhugh and Smith.

Trustee Deininger moved that Trustee Torrence act as President pro-tem. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 1924, were read and approved as read.

Trustee Fitzhugh took his place during the reading of the minutes.

W. R. Hopson submitted a written application to build and operate an open air fruit market on the corner of Carson and Gramercy. The intentions as to building material and general operation was explained by the applicant.

Trustee Brooks moved that a permit be granted for a six months period for the market, and to be renewed thereafter at the discretion of the Board. Trustee Deininger seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Geo. B. Smith requested permission to build a court, naming it TORRANCE AUTOMOBILE CAMP COURT, on Carson Street near Elm, mentioning the good advertising such a proposition would be and claiming same to be absolutely sanitary. The City Clerk and the Building Inspector recommended its erection.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the above request be granted. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh and Torrance.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; President Smith.

Trustee Deininger moved that the D. & B. Pump Co. be granted permission to erect a sign in front of their place of business as per plans submitted. There was no second to the motion and no further action taken.

The Clerk read the following petition:
To the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, Cal.
Gentlemen:

"We, the undersigned property owners and tax payers of the City of Torrance, do hereby protest against paving the alleys in the residence district bounded by Plaza Del Amo, Madrid Avenue, Dominguez Avenue and Border Avenue in the City of Torrance, as many of us are under a burden of expense in having to pay for the paving of Manuel Avenue, Martina Avenue, Watson Avenue, Gramercy Avenue, Arlington Avenue et al.

We would like to see Torrance grow and prosper, but believe this will not be accomplished if this unnecessary expense is put upon the people, for the property owner, in order to get a fair and reasonable rate of interest on his money invested, will have to raise the rentals to an amount which the majority of renters cannot afford to pay, with the result that they will go elsewhere to live, and Torrance will be the loser in both population and trade. We also believe that the paving of these alleys ways at this time will entail a hardship upon those home owners who are en-

deavoring to pay for their homes.

We therefore protest this paving being done until a majority of the property owners request or demand it.

Respectfully submitted.

After some general discussion of the petition, Trustee Deininger moved that the petition be referred to the City Engineer for checking as to districts and also that he be advised to stop proceedings on alley paving in both residence and business districts until a further hearing was held at the next meeting. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh and Torrence.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; President Smith.

Mrs. L. Cheesebro requested, through Clerk Bartlett, permission to build and operate a stand for sale of fruits, vegetables, cold drinks, sandwiches, cigars and tobacco on lots 1 and 2, Crescent Heights.

Trustee Brooks moved that the above request be granted, provided the building be set back at least 20 feet from the front property line. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Under oral communications, it was explained to Mr. Klusman that the Western Avenue assessment roll was not available on account of the enormous amount of work necessary to perfect it, as it took in every square foot of territory in the City limits; also that the condemnation proceedings of Cabrillo Avenue were progressing, but that it would take a year or more before anything definite could be expected.

X Trustee Deininger reported that the committee had investigated the Auto Camp site on Lot 3, Block 107, finding the sanitary conditions, etc. satisfactory, but, in order to discourage the use of same as a permanent abode, moved that a camper be not allowed to remain more than 30 days at one time, and that the same camper be not allowed to return to said camp until 60 days has elapsed from the time of his last removal; also campers must be automobile owners. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger and Torrence.

NOES; Trustee Fitzhugh.

ABSENT; President Smith.

Trustee Deininger moved that \$50.00 be allowed for painting of the flag pole and the addition of a new halyard. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh and Torrence.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; President Smith.

Trustee Deininger reported that he and Trustee Brooks had visited the City Hall at Inglewood and were very much pleased with the arrangement of the building, though it did not allow quarters for the Fire Dept. nor the Jail, same cost \$55,000.00.

Trustee Brooks submitted a partial report of the budget for the coming year, that the amount budgeted was \$85,850.00 on an estimated valuation of \$7,000,000.00.

Clerk Bartlett reported for the Recorder fines amounting to \$1930.00 for the month of July.

Building permits amounted to \$64,300.00 for July.

The matter of relieving Mr. Stevenson at the Fire house was discussed to some extent, but it was thought well to take a little more time and try to figure out ways and means that would suit both the City and the men effected; also the matter of Judge King acting as a Justice of the Peace here in Torrance was laid over for the time being. Trustee Torrence's report was concluded by mentioning the fact that nothing had been done concerning the screen at the Union Oil Station. Mr. Bartlett stated that, although nothing had been done, the matter was progressing as the representative of the Company had been in to find out what was desired.

As it was optional with the State Board of Health, according to Attorney Briney, whether a district should be made for the registering of vital statistics or not. Trustee Brooks moved that the President of the Board be authorized to request, by letter, that such a district be created and a registrar appointed. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 86

RECLASSIFYING PROPERTY

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 86 be adopted as read for its final reading, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh and Torrence.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; President Smith.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 87

CREATING FIRE DISTRICT

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 87 be adopted as read for its final reading and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh and Torrence.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; President Smith.

A meeting will be held tomorrow at 4:00 P.M. to discuss the Dominguez Land Co. Declaration.

The question of jurisdiction over certain streets in the CCMO lease was brought up and discussed to some extent, Attorney Briney claiming that the City's jurisdiction was unquestioned except in some minor cases. In this connection,

Trustee Brooks moved that the Julian Oil Corp. be given 30 days in which to make formal application for a franchise for their pipe line, and that, in the event of said company failing so to do, their temporary permit be terminated. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh and Torrence.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; President Smith.

Trustee Deininger stated that he understood the Dominguez Land Co. would be willing to dedicate Redondo Blvd. from the termination of the P. E. right of way to the west City limits for a width of 90 feet--the street now being

108 feet wide--and have an assessment district formed for the paving of same to a 30 foot width. Looking toward the culmination of the opening of such street for traffic,

Trustee Deininger moved that the Clerk be instructed to communicate with the said Company asking for a deed from the terminus, western, of the Redondo Blvd. west to Madrona Ave. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh and Torrence.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; President Smith.

Trustee Deininger moved that a permit for the paving of the Spurlin alley be granted and no charge made for same. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh and Torrence.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; President Smith.

Trustee Brooks moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Deininger seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh and Torrence.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; President Smith.

At 10:30 P.M., on motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and a majority vote, the meeting was adjourned.

A. H. Bantel
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

J. A. Torrence
President pro-tem of the Board of
Trustees of the City of Torrance.